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TAGS: CDES, ET
SUBJ: DEATH OF AN AMERICAN MISSIONARY IN GODE AREA

1. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY USAID PILOT AND AMERICAN (PRESBYTERIAN) MISSION IN ADDIS OF DEATH OF AMCIT DOMALD MCCLURE DURING AN ATTACK ON MISSIONARY STATION IN VICINITY OF GODE, HARRARGHE PROVINCE ON MARCH 27. INFORMATION IS STILL FRAGMENTARY, BUT IT APPEARS ATTACK WAS CARRIED OUT DURING EARLY MORNING HOURS OF MARCH 27 BY RAIDING PARTY, IDENTIY AS YET UNKNOWN. RADIERE WERE APPARENTLY DRIVEN OFF BY ELEMENTS OF ETHIOPIAN ARMY.
 2. MCCLURE WAS RETIRED MISSIONARY. HIS SON WAS WITH HIM AT TIME OF HIS DEATH AND HIS WIFE WHO IN ADDIS, HAS BEEN INFORMED. SON ALONG WITH 24 OTHERS OF VARYING NATIONALITY WAS AIRLIFTED TO DIRE DAWA BY MERCY AIRLIFT PLANE LATE THIS AFTERNOON. USAID PILOT ACCOMPANIED AS CO-PILOT. CLEARANCE FOR FLIGHT WAS ARRANGED BY USDATT. WIFE OF AUSTRALIAN MISSIONARY WAS ALSO REPORTED WOUNDED SLIGHTLY. PARTY IS EXPECTED ARRIVE ADDIS MORNING MARCH 28.
 3. MRS. MCCLURE DOES NOT RPT NOT WISH INFORM ANYONE IN STATES UNTIL SHE TALKS WITH HER SON TOMORROW. FOREGOING THEREFORE IS FOR DEPARTMENTS INFO ONLY AT THIS TIME. WE WILL FOLLOW UP WITH MESSAGE TOMMOROW WHEN PLANE RETURNS.
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